

WILSON TO FILE SUIT EARLY TODAY

Commission Will Be Compelled
to Defend Its Belt
Road Award.

MORE INSIDE HISTORY OUT

Alleged Hui of Contractors Is
Reported to Have Had
Things "Fixed".

Suit will be filed this morning by the attorneys for John H. Wilson against the loan fund commission for its decision not to award the contract for the first section of the belt road to him as the low bidder.

The papers in the suit were all prepared yesterday afternoon in the office of Kinney, Prosser, Marx and Anderson, but were not in shape early enough to be filed in court before the closing hour, so they will be taken up the first thing this morning, according to the statement of a member of the firm last evening.

Around the city yesterday The Advertiser publication of the rumors in general circulation around the city hall of the conditions entered into by the contractors in the belt road and other matters was a general topic of discussion, the contractors explicitly denying the allegations as made by Wilson.

From "Clash" McCandless, however, a confirmation came in the shape of a statement as to the fact that there was "something in the story," as told by Wilson of one of the hui going to McCandless and trying to get him to have Wilson desist from putting in a bid on the work.

Consecutive Contracts.

Still further information of the alleged hui is coming to light, in view of the statements made by Wilson, and it is now asserted that Theo. Bowman was the contractor who was to get this first contract, and that L. M. Whitehouse was to get the second one; as but little equipment would be needed for the next job.

There were eight bidders on the contract just awarded and six of them were above \$80,000, the alleged agreed upon minimum, Lord-Young and Wilson being the only ones below this amount and Wilson at least was not in any hui.

The Honolulu Construction and Draying Company bid \$109,250; L. M. Whitehouse, \$93,518; E. P. Chapin, \$91,462; Theo. Bowman, \$88,950; Duncan & Hardy, \$85,594; and Hustace Peck and Company, \$83,700.

Checks Were Missing.

The last two named had their bids thrown out as they were unaccompanied by any certified checks, and it is now intimated that as Bowman was to get the work, the lower bids were bluffs, the checks left out to ensure the bids being turned down, leaving Bowman's bid low. This supposed plan did not cover any lower bid by Lord-Young, which was actually prepared at the last moment.

In addition to Wilson's activities in fighting the hui and the loan fund commission, he is now slated for the management of Hui Union, which may land him some belt road money, win or lose in the courts.

AVOIDS TROUBLE FOR THE FUTURE

Land Board Declines to Sell Any
Stable Sites to Plantation
on Leased Lands.

"Put it Off" seemed to be the slogan at yesterday's meeting of the land board, for it postponed at the instance of R. H. Trent an application by Waiakae plantation to purchase camp and stable sites, and an application by W. S. Wise and E. Devo for land and a fish pond known as Lokoaka, at Keaukaha, Hilo, Hawaii. There were a few other small matters brought up and these were put through with dispatch. It will be a good plan in future for members to remember that what they have to say will be taken down in writing and used as evidence against them, for Stenographer Thielson from Judge Whitney's court is the Hansard staff that will do this. Incidentally, it might be recalled that the Territory will have to pay for this rhetoric at so much per folio in the transcript, which is a good reason to remember that brevity is the soul of wit.

Waiakae Turned Down.

W. A. Kinney opened the proceedings by submitting his report on the application by the Waiakae plantation authorities for the purchase by them of camp and stable sites at Waiakae. He stated that the lands were bona fide camp and stable sites, and did not include any unreasonable area for the purposes mentioned.

There was, however, an important policy question involved by virtue of the fact that the entire plantation was on government land under lease, expiring about seven years hence. The application covered every camp and stable site on the plantation, all of which were reached by the railway system, used in bringing cane to the mill. The acquisition in fee simple of these sites dotted over the land, which would involve a right of way to them, would give the lessee a distinct advantage over others when the disposition of the land came up after the lease expired.

Mr. Kinney said that he felt that the land should go back as a whole to the government untrammelled by the private rights that would be established if the application were granted. He felt also that the application practically involved the railway grade and right of way as well. While the applicants were entitled to remove all improvements upon the termination of the lease, he did not feel that this materially affected the question.

Small Holders Considered.

The land was preeminently suited for the cultivation of cane by small holders, and the government could use its ownership of the railway grade and camp and stable sites as a leverage to secure a fair and proper price for cane being paid those who may take up the lands under homestead rights. That leverage should not be taken out of the hands of the government, the more so because the price paid throughout the Territory to parties raising cane on their own lands except in a few instances where they were strong enough to exact proper terms, were, in the main, grossly inadequate.

He recommended that the application be indefinitely postponed.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Trent, and the application was postponed indefinitely.

Helping Charity's Cause.

O. L. Sorenson on behalf of the Kaahumanu Society, Waimea, Hawaii, applied for a piece of land 12,625 square feet in area. He explained that the land was needed for the erection of a building for the society. It was a charitable society he pointed out, and, therefore, he hoped to have some consideration from the board.

Land Commissioner Judd recommended that the land be offered at auction at the upset price of \$25.

Helping Sport Along.

W. S. Wise and Eugene Devo made application for two pieces of land at Keaukaha, in order that they might obtain the fish pond situated on the land, and thus be enabled to cultivate

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MAJOR GENERAL MURRAY WILL BE HERE DURING PRESENCE OF THE PACIFIC FLEET

His Coming May Mean That Army
Will Cooperate With Fleet
in Maneuvers.

Coincident with the arrival of the Pacific fleet the latter part of November will be the arrival of Major-General Murray, U. S. A., commanding the western division of the United States army, whose jurisdiction includes the department of Hawaii, and it is anticipated that if the army and navy are to cooperate here in joint maneuvers the plans will be brought by the general.

So far, the department commander has not been advised that the army is to cooperate with the navy in joint maneuvers. The army officers realize that the navy will have plenty of work maneuvering alone and that unless some limitation is given in the near future that the army is to participate in joint maneuvers, the navy will go to it alone. However, it is believed in military circles that General Murray is planning to cooperate with the navy.

Major Campbell, adjutant-general of the department, does not expect that the navy will make an "attack" upon Oahu, one of the most important details of the maneuvers, on the ground that it is not now considered a part of the navy's work to attack fortified places inasmuch as the warships are at a disadvantage in so doing and every vessel eliminated from the line in such an attack weakens the naval force should it be compelled to face an enemy at sea.

Major Campbell cites Port Arthur and Santiago as examples of fortified places which were almost impregnable to naval attacks. In the case of Port Arthur all of Japan's attempts to reduce this fortified place by the use of



MAJ. GEN. ARTHUR MURRAY,
U. S. A.

naval vessels was almost a failure, although Port Arthur did not have the heaviest of coast defense guns. The American fleet did not attempt to reduce Santiago by naval attacks, the fleet's prime reason for standing off Santiago being to engage the Spanish fleet should it emerge from Santiago harbor.

General Murray was one of the officers of the military board which selected sites for army posts and fortified places along the coast. On the occasion of his last visit here he visited Waiakae and was much interested in the fact that Waiakae offers one of the best landing places for a hostile force. It is understood that among his recommendations, Waiakae Bay may be included among the places for batteries. General Murray will be accompanied on his inspection tour by Captain Martin Craig, assistant to the chief of staff of the western division, and Maj. J. A. C. Gilmore, C. A., assistant coast defense officer of the division. The general will remain here during the entire stay of the fleet.

PLANS LAID FOR GREAT MEETING

Speakers at Layman's Missionary
Movement Convention
on the Way.

Hon. Otto G. Foelker, congressman from the Third district of New York State, and Henry Gunn, both deeply interested in the Layman's Missionary Movement, will be among the principal speakers at the convention of the Layman's Missionary Movement, to be held at the Y. M. C. A., Monday next, the session to be opened with a luncheon attended by from two hundred and fifty to three hundred delegates from the various churches of Honolulu.

Congressman Foelker will arrive here next Saturday on the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia, while Mr. Gunn will reach here Monday next on the steamship Manchuria from San Francisco.

At a meeting held at the Central Union parish house last night an enthusiastic meeting of the men of the church was held, presided over by President Griffiths of Oahu College, who, with Messrs. Bowen and Super, form the committee of arrangements. He made an introductory talk on the objects of the movement and was followed by Major A. M. Davis, U. S. A., who has been most enthusiastic in his efforts to make the first convention a notable success.

His was the principal address and dealt with the objects of the movement and the plans for the convention. Major Davis' address was thorough and so earnest that not only the men of the church, but others outside the membership arose at the conclusion of it and declared themselves heartily in favor of the movement.

Luncheon to Start With.

One of the announcements made last night was that at the opening of the convention in the Y. M. C. A., a luncheon will be given in the building to be attended by delegates from all the churches, and so far more than two hundred delegates are known to have voluntarily offered to be present.

Fifty men have signified such intention from the Central Union membership and by Monday this will be increased to seventy-five or eighty. Following the luncheon will be addresses by those above named, Major Davis and others who have taken a lead in the movement, and in the evening the big meeting will be held in Cooke Hall. On Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock the delegates of each church will plan what they can do toward the general movement and in the evening there will be another big meeting when the delegates will report on their plans.

Congressman Foelker is a young man. He was born in Germany in 1875, coming to America when thirteen years of age and making his home in Troy, New York. He was elected member of the New York State Assembly in 1904, and again in 1905. In 1906 he was unanimously nominated for state senator in his district and elected, and served until November, 1908, when he resigned. While in the senate he was

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GREAT STEAMERS FOR A.-H. LINE

Four 12,000 Ton Ships Ordered
in Seattle—Ready When
Canal Opens.

SEATTLE, October 17.—One of the largest single orders for steamers ever given out by one American company was placed here yesterday by the American-Hawaiian line, the total aggregating 48,000 tons.

It is the anticipation of the early opening of the Panama Canal that has induced this company to sign the contracts for four new steamers, each of 12,000 tons, all of them to be sister ships and of the latest and most up-to-date models and speed.

It was stated yesterday that these four new steamers will be placed in service on the run between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts by way of the canal, their terminals being New York and Seattle.

The cost of each steamer, according to contract, will be \$800,000, or a total of \$3,200,000 for the four. They are to be ready by the time the canal opens in 1912.

STEAMER'S OFFICERS SUSPENDED A YEAR

SAN FRANCISCO, October 17.—The findings of the marine board in regard to the wreck of the steamer Santa Rosa, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, on July 8 last, was made public yesterday.

Captain Furio and Third Officer E. J. Thomas are suspended for one year, having been found guilty of negligence.

The Santa Rosa went ashore in comparatively calm weather near the town of Surf north of Santa Barbara, the morning of July 8, and four persons lost their lives during the operation of removing the passengers to the shore from the stranded steamer.

TOBACCO TRUST HAS TO REORGANIZE SOON

NEW YORK, October 17.—Counsel for the American Tobacco Company, better known as the tobacco trust, filed in the United States circuit court here yesterday its plan for reorganization.

An application was also made at the same time for an extension of time to perfect the reorganization until March next. This was taken under advisement.

INDORSE LA FOLLETTE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Progressive Delegates Meet in
Chicago—Favor National
Direct Primary.



ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE.
Indorsed yesterday by Progressives for
Presidential nomination.

CHICAGO, October 17.—Positive action was taken by the Progressive Republicans here yesterday by which a distinct line is drawn in the battle for the presidential nomination in 1912, as between President Taft and Senator La Follette.

Two hundred delegates attended the national conference of the Progressives held here and endorsed Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, for the nomination at the national convention to be held next year by the Republican Party. The conference also declared in favor of the direct primary to aid the voters of the country to express their choice for presidential candidates.

DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT IN CHINA

Sixty-Five Thousand Rebels to
Intercept Manchu Army
Near Hankow.

GUNBOATS ARE DESTROYED

Young China Party Declares in
Favor of Government
Ownership.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 17.—Special dispatches received in this city from Shanghai, China, indicate that the situation in the central provinces of China is exceedingly serious and that the revolt is general throughout that district.

Altogether an army of 65,000 rebels, it is reported, has been ordered to



YUAN SHIH KAI.

march toward Peking for the purpose of intercepting the army of 20,000 Manchus, now advancing upon Hankow, the capital of the revolutionists.

It is asserted that a battle which may decide the fate of the Manchu dynasty may be fought early this week.

Chinese Socialists Pleaded.

The Young China Association of California has declared for the new Chinese Republic and in favor of government ownership of all common carriers, control of banks and of all public utilities. Leaders of the party in this city assert that the revolutionary party is the progressive party in China and will take from the United States the best of its ideas for government.

May Not Be Premier.

It is reported that Yuan Shih Kai will not take the place of premier, now held by Prince Ching, under the imperial government.

Three Gunboats Destroyed.

HANKOW, China, October 16.—Three imperial gunboats have been destroyed by the revolutionists at the Wuchang forts, near Hankow. The revolutionists claim progress. The imperial army is going from Hankow to disaffected districts.

Revolutionist in Lead.

PEKING, China, October 16.—In the national assembly session the revolutionist L. Yuan Hung, reported head of the republic of Hupch province, is leading.

FORMER "BOSS" HERRIN AN ANTI-APPENDICITE

SAN FRANCISCO, October 17.—William F. Herrin, chief counsel for the Southern Pacific railroad, and formerly the political boss of the State of California, was operated upon for appendicitis in a local hospital yesterday. It was reported last evening that the operation was a success and the patient is progressing satisfactorily.

CABLE DR. SUN FOR LATE NEWS

The Liberty News, organ of the Chinese revolutionists, failed to receive any cable news direct from China yesterday and some anxiety was expressed as to whether the news supply would be indefinitely cut off. It was stated yesterday by The Liberty News editor that the imperial government had taken entire charge of the telegraph lines and that it would be difficult to send news out of the country.